# PAIRING THE TEAMS.

WESTERN LEAGUE SCHEDULE COM-MITTEE AT WORK.

## KANSAS CITY OPENS AT HOME.

BLUES WILL FIRST MEET MINNE-APOLIS OR ST. PAUL.

President Johnson and the Rest of the Magnates Will Reach the City This Morning-Gossip of the Game-General Sporting News.

The schedule committee of the Western Baseball League-Connie Mack, of Milwaukee; Thomas Loftus, of Columbus, and Robert Allen, of Indianapolis-arrived in Kansas City yesterday morning, and are quartered at the Coates House. W. F. C. Golt, president of the Indianapolis club, is also here. President B. B. Johnson, Matthew Killilea, Charles Comiskey, A. J. Schmelz, G. A. Van Derbeck and Messrs. Schuman and O'Brien will reach the city at 9 o'clock this morning.

The schedule committee held two or three meetings yesterday and last night, but is not yet prepared to report to the meeting of magnates to be held to-day, although their business may be so arranged this morning that a schedule can be presented for ratification this afternoon. Conflicting elements enter into the arrangement of a schedule, and each magnate is jealous of his own interests. There are two days that are especially desirable—July 4 and Decoration Day—and naturally nearly all of the teams want to play at home on these days. Each member of the committee had drafted a schedule, and was fortified with a fund of argument in favor of it. The committee will prepare one schedule out of the three, which will be presented to the magnates, although the indorsement of the committee does not carry with it the assurance of adoption as presented. The committee has agreed that Minneapolis and St. Paul shall open the season in Kansas City, and Omaha and Detroit and Milwaukee in Indianapolis and Columbus on April 21, after which the Western teams will go East.

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The presence of President Golt in the city gives some emphasis to the story that originated in Indianapolis last week to the effect that Indianapolis at the meeting of the magnates would make an effort to have the salary limit raised. Mr. Golt is credited with denying that an attempt would be made to cause a break in the agreement entered into between the Eastern and Western League magnates at Buffalo as to the salary limit, but there is an apprehensive feeling that the salary question will come up before the present meeting adjourns. Thomas Loftus, of Columbus, in discussing the situation last night emphasized the remark that Western League magnates could not afford to violate the agreement made with the Eastern League, "It is all very well for the three leading teams of the league to talk about high salaries," he said, "but how about the three stragglers? It's the weak teams that have to be looked after. It is not a profitable business to be changing the circuit year after year, and the losing teams cannot stand too high salaries."

"Will an effort be made to raise the limit?" he was asked.

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not believe it will be successful. The
anagers are nearly all of one mind in the

"What of the class of baseball that will given under the new limit? Will it be to last season's standard?" "I think so. The Western League has been giving its patrons some fine baseball, and last season it paid National League prices for a great deal of it without having prices for a great deal of it without having the great crowds in attendance to support us. I believe Mr. Manning paid Naticnal League prices to a few men. I know I did to Mertes, Hulen and Crooks. I will lose Crooks and Pete Daniels this season. No, the men must play for the new limit. If they were worth more they wouldn't be in this league. That is one of the strongest arguments in favor of the new limit, outside of the fact that a higher limit means bankruptcy for the weaker teams."

"You are getting together a pretty high riced team, are you not?" priced team, are you not?"

"Maybe I am, but it will be under the limit. Let me tell you something. Under the agreement you can yank a man up before a justice of the peace at any time and make him take an oath that he is within the limit. If he refuses to swear to the can be fined \$500. If the fine covered the entire season it would be a small and almost useless penalty, but it doesn't. You can haul him up every day and it means \$500 each time. It wouldn't require many such fines to bring a manager down to the limit."

Mr. Loftus was asked about Omaha as a successor to Grand Rapids. He lighted

successor to Grand Rapids. He lighted a fresh cigar, puffed contentedly away at it for a moment then said:

"O-m-a-h-a. That has a better sound than Grand Rapids. I believe the town will be an improvement over the Michigan city. Besides, a town that has had a tail end team for several seasons isn't going to end team for several seasons isn't going to draw on the road for the reason that the fans won't take any interest in it. I know very little of Messrs. Schuman and O'Brien, but they seem to be getting a pretty good team together and Omaha will cut some-thing of a figure, I believe, in the race."

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 23.—The second appli-cation for the release of Chris Von Der Ahe on a suit of habeas corpus was heard be-fore Judge Buffington, sitting in the United States circuit court to-day. No decision

States circuit court to-day. No decision was rendered but from the remarks of the court it is generally believed that the court will decide against Von Der Ahe.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—The news comes from St. Louis and is confirmed locally that the St. Louis club is in even worse shape than was thought. They have not yet sent a contract one of their old players. The laws of the national agreement say that unless contracts are malled to the players under reserve on or before March 1 the player so neglected is free to sign where and when he chooses. None of the old club have received contracts, although several of the new players were signed early in the winter.

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Matters down in St. Louis seem at a dead standstill. The club is said to be poverty stricken, its head is in jail, and may not get out even to altend the league meeting and not a player in the old guard reenlisted for the year. President Muckenfuss may send out contracts within the next few days. He may not.

The fact of the club's failure to send contracts has caused a sensation among the baseball authorities, and a guessing contest is going on. A few days ago the story floated out of Pittsburg, which casts discredit upon the story even before reading, to the effect that the league magnates refused all help to Von Der Ahe unless he would consent to quit baseball. A couple of days later Rogers, Abell. Ebbitts and Brush dropped down upon Washington and went into executive session with President Young.

Yesterday Hart jumped to Indianapolis

Yesterday Hart jumped to Indianapolis see Brush. The wise ones say that to see Brush. The wise ones say that the conferences are being held to fix up the St. Louis question. The tangle down there is intricate. The property of Von Der Ahe is heavily mortgaged and his wife is suing for divorce. Under the Missouri

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law his wife's consent is required before he can sell, even should he desire to sell. Matters in the Mound City are approach-

# MEN WITH THE MITTS.

Joe Choynski Says the Impression Prevails in Prisco That Ryan Will Whip Green.

Joe Choynski, writing from San Francisco, says: "I want nothing easier than my twenty-round bout with Sharkey on March 11. The purse is to be divided 75 march II. The purse is to be divided as and 25, and if I win it will put me on velvet, for there will be a big crowd. Then I will go after those other blowhards. I understand that Parson Davies is telling that he gave me \$100 a week when I was under his management. He never gave me a cent that I did not earn and was not entitled to. I made a mistake in having me a cent that I did not earn and was not entitled to. I made a mistake in having a manager, and hereafter will manage myself. I have gained eight pounds since coming to San Francisco, and now weigh 170. I will have to reduce to be in right shape. I am well and working hard with George Green. Tommy Ryan, who is training for his bout with Green, boxes every day with Jim Jeffries, who is managed and trained by Billy Delaney. The impression prevalls in San Francisco that, irrespective of agreements private or public, beprevails in San Francisco that, irrespective of agreements, private or public, between the boxers of the clubs, Ryan will put Green to sleep in short order if at any stage of the game the Californian offers an opening."

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"McCoy intends claiming the heavy-weight championship in a couple of weeks if neither 'Fitz' nor Corbett accepts his challenge," says Macon McCormick, "and if he does he will have Maher hot on his trail with a monetary forfeit ready to show that he means business. A match between them would excite intense interest. There is no disputing the fact that Maher can knock out any man that he can hit. The question is, Can he hit McCoy? Some think he can, for they say that he is as clever now as any man in the business. I know that he has improved wonderfully, but I don't think he is nearly so scientific as McCoy. Maher has shown more than once that he doesn't like to be 'jabbed,' notably with Fitzsimmons at New Orleans, where he quit because 'Fitz' kept his nose bleeding continually until the carmine flood nearly choked him, and again in New York when Joe Choynski had him terribly worried with his left-hand stabs in the mouths. Had Choynski not lost his head when he did and gone at Peter to finish him, the battle might have had another ending. Now, no man in the ring to-day can jab with McCoy. He has a way of keeping his left arm almost extended and of 'hooking' his man with it as he tempts him to lead, that is not only provoking, but very dangerous as well. He is Maher's superior in height and reach, and very near his equal in weight. I think a match between them would almost equal in interest another between Corbett and Fitzsimmons."

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John P. Dunn, of New Orleans, better known to followers of the big boxing games as Johnny Dunn, has proposed a scheme of scoring for boxing bouts which would be novel and prove interesting to the spectators at glove contests. Mr. Dunn's idea is founded something on the scheme used to score baseball games and trotting races. He would hang a blackboard in a conspicuous place near the ring, in sight of all the spectators. On the blackboard there would be three columns, one headed, say, "Brown." the other "Jones" and the third "Draw." A marker would be on hand at the call of the referee. As each round was finished the referee would signify to the marker which one of the menhad the better of it, and that man would get the benefit of a mark. If the round was even, the mark would go to the "Draw" column. At the finish tre largest total of marks would decide who won, or whether a draw should be declared. The advantages of this system, Dunn says, are many. At every stage of the game the spectators would know exactly how the contestants stand, according to the merits so far displayed. It would also let each fighter know just how he stood and permit him to brace up and get a gait on, or, if he had a decided advantage in points, to take it easy for a while, in order to prepare for the desirable knock-out blow.

San Francisco has three important fights

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#### COURSING AT INGLESIDE PARK One of the Grentest Gatherings of Coursing Men Ever Seen in California.

San Francisco, Feb. 23.-Ingleside coursing park was crowded at the annual meeting of the Interstate Coursing Club to dethe ownership of John Grace and Belle Brandon cups for the following year. There was hardly ever such a gathering of coursing men at a meeting in this state. Sacramento, Merced and San Jose were well represented, and the East had hounds belonging to Simons & Donahue, Dr. Van Hummell, R. L. Lee and Low & Thompsor contending for the John Grace cup and the

contending for the John Grace cup and the purses.

The results in the preliminary round of the all age stake were as follows: Patria beat Mohawk; Rusty Gold beat Myrtle; Old Glory beat Van Traale: White Lily beat Amorita; Widow Brophy beat Eclipse; Crow Dog beat Snowball; Tod Sloane beat Senorita; Tessie Fair beat Coralie; Mountain Beauty beat Flashlight; Susie beat Monotony; Prescription beat Right Bower; Swinnerton beat Sarcastie; Connemara beat Occidental; Mialmo beat Laughed Last; Chit Chat beat Sylvia; St. Lawrence beat Moondyne II.

The puppy Derby stake resulted as follows: Rush o' the Hill beat Palmer Hill; Sprig o' the Hill beat Dempsey Lass; Master Jack beat Royal Oak; Gladiator beat Pastime; Log Boy beat Soprano.

In the Sapling stake Minerva beat Marietta; Daisy Dean beat Matchless; Sunbeam beat St. Gertrude; Rathone beat Heather Dell; Mystic beat Molly O.; Sunburst beat Lottie M.; Mayflower beat Liberty Bell; Gladstone beat Prince George.

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New Orleans, La., Feb. 23.—Fair weather and a fast track were the conditions today. The attendance was large and as all favorites were beaten the game was good for the ring. Summaries:

First race—Selling; 1 mile. Cherry Leaf, 195 (Aker), 8 to 5, won; What Next, 197 (Dupee), even, second; Elkin, 197 (Southard), 8 to 1, third, Time, 1:414.

Second race—1 mile. The Editor, 197 (Castro), 60 to 1, won; Balance All, 197 (C. Camba), 5 to 1 and 2 to 1, second; Maltese, 192 (A. Barrett), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:443.

tese, 102 (A. Barrett), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:44%.
Third race—Selling; 7 furlongs. Joe Shelby, 105 (Sullivan), 4 to 1, won; Bertha Nell, 105 (Lynch), 6 to 1 and 2 to 1, second; R. B. Sack, 102 (Beauchamp), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:294.
Fourth race—Selling; 6 furlougs. Dave S., 190 (C. Clay), 12 to 1. won; Uncas, 105 (A. Barrett). 4 to 1 and even, second; Eton Jacket, 194 (C. Combs), 3 to 5, third. Time,

Fifth race-Selling; 1 mile. Fred Baar, 112 (Beauchamp), 8 to 1, won; Brother Fred, 104 (Songer), 6 to 1 and 2 to 1, second; Maggle S., 107 (C. Clay), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:47% Sixth race—Selling; 6 furlongs. Pueblo, 99 (Senger), 3 to 1, won; K. C., 102 (N. Turner), 15 to 1 and 5 to 1, second; Whileaway, 97 (Lines), 100 to 1, third. Time, 1:14%.

Results at Ingleside. San Francisco, Feb. 22.—Weather at Ingleside cloudy; track slow. Results:
First race—3½ furlongs. Royal Fan, 110 (Conley), 2 to 1, won; Obsidian, 118 (W. Martin), 5 to 2, second; Will Mar, 11s (Mc-Hugh), 10 to 1, third. Time, 0:44.
Second race—6 furlongs; selling. Caliente, 109 (Clawson), 3 to 1, won; Miss Lynah, 104 (T. Sloan), 13 to 5, second; Jack Martin, 108 (Stevens), 100 to 1, third. Time, 1:15%.

Martin, 166 (Stevens), 100 to 1, third. Time, 1:15%.

Third race—1 mile; handicap. Ed Gartland II. 23 (O'Connor), 5 to 1. won; Souffe, 100 (T. Sloane), 3 to 2. second; Mainstay 103 (H. Martin), 9to 5, third. Time, 1:445\_Eourth race—Selling; steeplechase, short course. Lord Chesterfield, 129 (Hueston), 3 to 1, won; Governor Budd, 129 (McKenna), 6 to 1, second; Esperance, 135 (Barry), 20 to 1, third. Time, 4:97.

Fifth race—4 furlongs; selling. Formero, 112 (H. Brown), 4 to 5, won; Ach, 112 (W. Martin), 5 to 1, second; Foxey, 106 (E. Jones), 15 to 1, third. Time, 0:5012.

Sixth race—1 mile; selling. Fashion Plate, 107 (Conley), 9 to 20, won; Lena, 104 (McDonaid), 9 to 2, second; Soniro, 106 (Spencer), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:45.

Declarations for the Suburban.

New York, Feb. 23.—In addition to the six declarations for the suburban hitherto published. Sly Fox, weighted at 96 pounds, has been declared out. This leaves forty-two entries still eligible.

The following declarations from the Brooklyn handicap have been made: M. A. Belmont's St. Bartholomew, 3-year-old, 190; Good Hope stables' Mohegah, 3-year-old, 97 pounds.

Robby Dobbs Defeats Bob Kane. Scranton, Pa., Feb. 23.—Bobby Dobbs to-night defeated Bob Kane, of San Francisco, in six rounds before Jack Skelley's Amer-ican Sporting Club. Kane was not in the

colored champion's class. Kane was down eight seconds early in the sixth round and was several seconds overdue when he finally got his quietus. Dobbs is to go to England two months hence under Skelley's management to fight Tom Causer.

# WHY OXFORD DECLINED.

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Oxford, England, Feb. 23.—President Freemantle, of the Oxford University Athletic Club, speaking of that organization's declination of the challerge of the American universities for an international contest this summer, said to a correspondent of the Associated Press to-day:

"We reached the decision only after the most careful and painstaking inquiry. When the challenge was received I wrote to many past members of the Oxford University Athletic Club, men who are thoroughly posted in the history of international college athletics, and the whole matter was most carefully considered at several committee meetings. Cambridge was also consulted, as they had received a practically identical challenge. We had not only to consider the situation this year, but the whole future of college sport."

Treasurer Jackson, of the Oxford University Athletic Club, said: "I do not wish to say a single syllable that might cause feeling; but, in addition to the reports from those who are thoroughly conversant with college athletics in America, we have clippings from American newspapers before us, and is is impossible to reach any other conciusion than that the status of the amateur American collegiate is not necessarily the same as the standard at Oxford and at Cambridge. We could not risk meeting athletes of inferior status. This is the main objection, but there are others. The Americans would have sixteen or seventeen colleges to choose from. Then summer training is widely objected to here. But these objections are not vital. The decision was based upon the amateur status. We hope our good friends won't think we are afraid to meet them. I may say that if Yale or Harvard challenges Oxford or Cambridge this year, the challenge will be accepted, though we shall some day meet the intercollegiate association, when the present objections are removed, as they will be, for the Americans are good sportsmen, good fellows, and have the same high ideas as ourselves."

The Times and sporting papers, in announcing the decision of Oxford, said i

# WON BY THE VETERANS.

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In the Western Bowling League. W. L. P.C.! W. L. P.C. W. L. P.C. R. & C. ... 7 0 1,000 Novices ... 2 4 .429 Morning Glorys. 4 2 .666 P. H. & G. ... 2 4 .333 Evans & Smith. 4 3 .571 Columbians ... 2 5 .286 Gnomes ... 3 3 .500 Delawares ... 1 5 .166 In the Western Bowling League the champion Richards & Conover team defeated the Columbians on the Brunswick gileys by 13 pins. The game was clopely contested from start to finish. O'Neill was high man with 510. The scores:
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Totals . .....34 Dundee Club Defeated. Class B, of the Alcazar Bowling Club, defeated Jundee Club last night on the Armory alleys

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Star Pathfinders Defeated.

The basket ball game last night between the Star Pathinders and Independence was one of the hardest fought and best contested games of the season, Inde-pendence winning by a score of \$ to 5. In the first half Bishop threw one goal for the Star Pathinders, and Anderson scored for Independence by Pathfinders, and Anderson scored for Independence by making 3 points on free throws. In the second half Jenkins scored 1 points for the Star Pathfinders on free throws, while for Independence Dick threw two goals and Anderson scored 1 point on a free throw. The work of the backs on both sides was exceptionally fine, they keeping their men well covered throughout the game. Both centers were in good form for basket throwing, Jenkins accepting three chances and Anderson four out of a possible five on free throws. The scores:

Bicycle Racing in California

San Leandro, Cal., Feb. 23.—The sixth annual road race—twenty-five miles—of the California Associated Cycling Clubs was held over the San Leandro course, and for the first time in the history of the association the winner of the race captured the time prize also. The winner was C. M. Smith, of the Garden City Wheelmen, of San Jose who covered the distance in San Jose, who covered the distance in 1:09:34 1-5. He started from the two-mintreatment and after a desperate finish, crossed the tape half a length ahead of M. Quimby, of San Francisco, a five and a half minute man. Eighty-one men started and forty-four finished. There were several minor accidents, but no one was serial minor accidents, but no one was serial minor accidents.

New York, Feb. 22.—Thomas D. Hooper won the amateur pigeon shooting championship of America for this year at the Carteret Gun Club's grounds, near Garden City, L. L. to-day. Mr. Hooper is a prominent Wall street broker. The Mackay silver cup was presented to Mr. Hooper, in addition to a roll of bills amounting to \$560, which was 40 per cent of the entrance moneys. moneys.

Following are the total scores of the three first men: Killed, Missed

eral minor ously hurt.

Club Managers Committed for Trial. Birmingham, Feb, 23.—Local magistrates have committed for trial, on the charge of prizelighting, the managers of the Olympic Club and the principals and seconds of the Eims-Simpson boxing match of January 28, which resulted in a victory for Simpson in the fourteenth round.

Bezenah-Jenkins Fight a Draw Springfield, O., Feb. 23.—The twenty-round boxing contest between Eugene Bezenah, of Cincinnati, and John Jenkins, of this city, at Black's opera house to-night, resulted in a draw. Both men showed con-

# Sutton Wants to Play Ives.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Clarence Green yester-day deposited the sum of \$25 in support of a challenge on behalf of George Sutton. The proposition is for Frank C. Ives to give Sutton fifty points start in a 300 point game of cushion caroms for \$250 a side. Sutton is playing strong billiards just now and Green is of the idea that he can de-

feat either Schaefer or Ives at those odds. Suttom is willing to play either a match within a week or ten days, giving both the masters a chance to get into some kind

#### Baseball Notes. Jack Crooks and Dan Lally have signed

St. Louis contracts.

Omaha is after Chancey Fisher, who will probably be farmed out by Brooklyn.

Scott Stratton is on the reserve list of the Reading club of the Atlantic League, and is trying to get away from it. Chicago refuses to part with Danny Friend, much to the regret of various Western league managers who wanted him Lester German, the twirler, who has played with New York and Washington in the big league, will land in the Eastern League next season, having secured a berth in Montreal.

in Montreal.

Ed Delehanty says: "I wish people would learn to love base ball for the skill and science and the "fight' there are in every contest, rather than from the victory and defeat standpoint."

It is going the rounds of the press that Tommy Tucker will not go to Omaha, as his pride is too great for him to play in a minor league. Such a pride ought to be anchored over one of the mines in the bay at Havana in the hope of a submarine explosion.

plosion.

The Kansas City Journal denies the story that Tim O'Rourke is to leave there and become captain of the Newcastle team in the Interstate League.—Detroit Free Press. Some mistake here. It would mean little less than a riot to put "Voiceless" Tim back in the game in this town.

The Brooklyn Eagle says the Brooklyn spring training will consist of bicycle riding, hand ball playing and long walks, which causes the Milwaukee Sentinel to ask how it would be for Tom Loftus to get his team in shape by indulgence in seven-up, pink teas and a dinner dance or two?

"Dibble" Flynn is in doubt as to his

seven-up, pink teas and a dinner dance of two?

"Dibbie" Flynn is in doubt as to his standing with the Indianapolis management. He is anxious to fill the niche between second and third bases, but the presence of Robert Allen—who is an excellent shortstop—on the team has awakened a train of night thoughts within Dibble, and he is wondering just where he stands.

"When I am being hit hard, and Pat comes out to the box, I suppose the crowd thinks he's trimming me." said George Cuppy, Saturday. "That isn't Cap's style. 'Doing your best, ain't you, Nig?' he'll say. 'Sure thing.' I'll answer. 'Go on, then.' Cap will say, 'and let 'em see how many they can make. I wouldn't get hit hard occasionally.'"

#### General Sporting Notes.

Dick O'Brien, the middleweight, has been matched to box Peter Lacey for ten rounds at Buffalo on next Monday night. Matty Matthews has issued a challenge to meet Dick Burge, of England, for \$1,000 a side. Matthews will fight in America or

The Kansas City Kennel Club will hold its first public meeting at the Midland hotel Friday night, at which time new members will be received. St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 23.—(Special.) A cycle path will be built at Lake Contrary at once, where it is expected to hold important L. A. W. races this spring.

Dick Jordan, a brother of Ben Jordan, who defeated Tommy White, and who is matched to box Eddle Curry, is out with a challenge to meet any lightweight. Dick Jordan is reported to be as clever as his brother. Bobby Dobbs, the colored lightweight, in-Bobby Dobbs, the colored ingitweight, increased his string of victories by whipping Charley Peaker in three rounds at the Monumental amphitheater, Baltimore, recently. Joe Gans, who was whipped by Dobbs a few months ago at Greenpoint, challenged Dobbs for a twenty-round go for \$1,000 a side.

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Like the Americans, the English are training birds and animals to ride wheels. The Belloni family has trained a cockatoo, which, besides ordinary riding, gives an aerial performance on a tight wire. The other cockatoo, trained by Mile. Irma Orbasano, rides a tricycle. Both birds use their beaks to steer with and their claws for pedaling.

Jack Everbardt, who is

Jack Everhardt, who is now in Chicago after a season of bolling out at Hot Springs, says he wants to go against "Kid" Lavigne once more. He has a record of two defeats at the Saginaw boy's hands, one in twenty and another in twenty-four rounds, but he thinks he can make all of this good in another battle. Meanwhile he is seeking for anyone to go against in Chicago, provided a suitable purse is hung up. Matchmaker Snyder, of the Montello Athletic Club, is trying to get some one to go against him at the club's opening entertainment next Monday night. Malachy Hogan has just joined this club, and he will be its referee at all fights.—Chicago Journal.

Jeff Thorne is an English boxer who re-Jack Everhardt, who is now in Chicago

Jeff Thorne is an English boxer who re-cently arrived in this country in search of a match. He was thred out with Harry Fisher, the Brooklyn cyclone. When Thorne entered the clubhouse in an even-ing spile a long white court and potening suit, a long white coat and patent leather shoes, everyone remarked, "Here's another English stiff." Thorne, however, gave the spectators the greatest surprise they ever received, for he simply smothered Fisher for the twenty rounds they fought, and besides was so cool and used such ex-ellent judgment that he was at once pronounced a wonder. Flizpatrick intends to match his protege against the best men in the welterweight class. Thorne has an excellent left-hand jab which he uses con-

### MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

A good deal is expected of "The Man From Mexico," the farce comedy that will e presented at the Coates next week by company of which Mr. William Collier is the head. The new farce is from the pen of Du Souchet, author of "My Friend From India," and has been a distinct suc cess. Mr. Collier has not been seen in Kansas City since he appeared in "A Back Number," but he has always been so popular here that his return is a matter of consequence among a large following of ad-mirers. The advance sale of seats will open this morning.

The production at the Grand next week of Offenbach's "The Grand Duchess" and Czibuika's "Amorita" and "Fra Diavolo" by the Calhoun opera company this season promise some surprises. The scenery for the first opera was painted by Mr. Thomas Moses, and that of the two latter has been painted by Mr. Thomas Moses, and that of the two latter has been painted by Mr. Hoyt. The costumes are made from the designs by Hamilton Bell, and made by Mme. Barclay, who was brought to this country by David Henderson, to superintend his famous productions at the Chicago opera house. The calcium and electrical appliances carried by the company are said to produce marvelous effects in the way of lighting up the beautiful scenery. A large orchestra under the direction of Mr. Richard F. Lindsay adds greatly to the enjoyment of the performance by this company, which is said to be adequate in every way to satisfactorily interpret these operas. terpret these operas.

Every face will be new behind the Orpheum footlights next week. The boys' Hungarian band, which has delighted thousands of people here during their three weeks' stay, will give their farewell performance Saturday evening and will leave Sunday morning for Denver.

The newcomers are all noted entertainers, and include Papinta, the "myriad dancer:" Rice and Elmer, in an original acrobatic specialty entitled "A Rube's Visit to Chinatown;" Barnes and Sisson, in their original skit, "A Theatrical Agent;" George H. Nood, monologue comedian; the Geissler trio, Tyrolean warblers and singers; Kiralfo brothers, grotesque dancers and jugglers; Mandola, a globe equilibrist; William Shields, trick cycle comedian, and the great Caveny, cartooncomedian, and the great Caveny, cartoo

ist.

As a world wide celebrity, Papinta is easily the particular feature of the new As a world wide celebrity, Papinta is easily the particular feature of the new attractions. The charming little danseuse with her mystical surroundings of illumi-nated mirrors, will be welcomed by every-one. The new show promises full houses and another big step upwards.

At the Gilliss opera house the coming week, opening Sunday night, the attraction will be the veriscope pictures of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight, which will then be presented in this city for the first time at such a low scale of prices. The attraction is one that has commanded attention in other cities at standard prices. It will be remembered that when these pictures were seen here before they were so popular that the engagement was extended to two weeks and the business was enormous.

Carl Busch's composers' concert, which will serve for the first public presentation of Mr. Busch's new symphony, will be given at the Coates opera house to-morrow afternoon by the Philharmonic orchestra, which has been enlarged to fifty-four men for this occasion. Seats are on sale at the Union Pacific ticket office, Tenth and Main streets. Mr. D. C. Bangs' testimonial entertainment will be given at the Academy of Music this evening.

# MUST CUT DOWN EXPENSES.

TRUNK LINES WILL LOSE HEAVILY BY GULF COMPETITION.

Conrad Miller Sava Present Cost of Operation of Eastern Railroads Must Be Greatly Reduced-Faith in Kansas City.

"The big trunk lines running east from Chicago have been enjoying a harvest for many years, their roadbeds are all paid for, their stock is at a high point and their dividends have been very great, but they will have to curtail expenses to keep things in good condition now that the tide of shipments appears to be turning to the Gulf ports," said Conrad Miller, president of the Blair line, at the Coates House vesterday Mr. Miller is an authority on matters of railroad management. For many years he

Mr. Miller is an authority on matters of railroad management. For many years he has managed the vast properties of the millionaire, John I. Blair, and he has an established reputation as a careful, shrewd and successful manager.

"Those big lines are operated at a heavy cost." he continued. "They each maintain those fast express lines between Chicago and the East and make such fast time that the cost is very great. In my opinion they will have to reduce their operating expenses and manage the road economically instead of doing as they please, knowing they have money to pay any bill. There is no legitimate reason for operating these numerous fast trains. The regular traffic does not call for it, and they do not pay their own cost. The fast trains and fancy expenses must stop."

Mr. Miller is of the opinion the products of the West will find their way to the nearest seaport no matter what opposition may be interposed for a time. He says it is a law of business and that the fact they have been going East for so long does not mean they will continue to go that way. He thinks Kansas City is well situated in being so close to the source of supply and having so many trunk lines that reach down to the Gulf ports. He confidently expects that Kansas City will develop very rapidly as the Gulf port export trade is enlarged.

ASK SUSPENSION OF LAW.

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merican Roads Want Application of Long and Short Haul Clause Waived.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Application was made to the interstate commerce commission to-day on behalf of a large number of railroads asking for a suspension of the fourth section of the interstate commerce act known as the long and short haul clause on through Pacific coast passenger business. This action is taken with a view to meeting the cuts made by the Canadian Pacific road on Alaskan and Pacific coast business. The roads which joined in the petition include practically all of the transcontinental roads and their tributaries west of Chicago. An argument was made by counsel presenting the application. They said that the Canadian Pacific had reduced through rates about one-half, and as it was not subject to the interstate commerce act, the only relief to the American lines must come through a suspension of that section of the act which prohibits American roads from making a less charge for a long haul than for a shorter one. It was alleged that a large share of the legitimate business of the American roads would be directed to this Canadian competitor in the event that they were not permitted to meet its reductions in rates. fourth section of the interstate commerce

#### WILL SPEND ONE DAY HERE. Grafton's Mexican Excursionists Arrive This Yorning and Leave To-night.

A special train bearing the members of J. J. Grafton's specially conducted Mexican excursion will arrive early this morn ing over the Pittsburg & Gulf, after hav-ing made a tour of Mexico and the Southwest. The party will remain in Kansa: City, with headquarters at the Midland City, with headquarters at the Midland, all day, leaving over the Alton for Chicago at 6:30 o'clock this evening. The members will be shown the city from carriages, under the direction of Mr. Grafton who repropelly supervises the ton, who personally supervises the ex-cursion, and of the representatives of the Pittsburg & Gulf and Alton. Many of them are prominent business and financial

#### RATES GO ALL TO PIECES. Packing House Products Carried East Bound at Fully 25 Cents Less

Than Tariffs. Packing house rates east bound from cut below the tariff rate through to the Atlantic seaboard is at least 25 cents. This occurs thirty days after all the Western lines agreed to stop rate cutting on packlines agreed to stop rate cutting on packing house products and to withdraw divisions with Eastern lines which engaged in cutting. The Katy's 10 cent rate from the Mississippi river is the lowest published tariff between these points, but it is said that the actual rate is even lower. The matter of hauling this traffic seems now to be one of tunnage into which revenue enters only as an incidental feature and profits are unknown.

#### MAY CUT ON LEGAL NOTICE Santa Fe Considers Agreement to Maintain Colorado Rate

Chicago, Feb. 23.-Considerable concern is felt in the result of the presidents' meet-ing to be held here to-morrow to consider the Denver fast train squabble. When the executive officers decided to refer the matexecutive officers decided to refer the mat-ter to the presidents, an understanding was reached that no rates should be cut until ten days' notice was given. The Santa Fe issued a circular to-day, stating that its interpretation of that understanding was that the notice referred to was only em-braced in the first ten days after the date of the meeting. As that term has now ex-pired, the Santa Fe now considers itself at liberty to cut rates at any time after giving liberty to cut rates at any time after givin the legal three days' notice

#### BOYCOTT HEARING TO-DAY. Legal Aspect of the Withdrawal of Divisions With the Pittsburg

& Gulf. The hearing of the case of the Pittsburg & Gulf against the Santa Fe to secure ar visions with the Gulf road will be held in visions with the Guir road will be held in the United States court at Topeka to-day, E. D. Kenna, first vice president and gen-eral solicitor for the road, passed through Kansas City en route to Topeka yester-day. General Agent F. B. Montgomery, of the Santa Fe here, is also in Topeka to at-tend the hearing.

#### COMMISSIONERS WILL WALK. Missouri Railroad Board Will Leave This Morning for a Fifty-Mile Jaunt.

Jefferson, City, Mo., Feb. 23.-(Special.) leave here in the morning to walk to Mexon an inspection tour of the Chicag & Alton branch road from this city to Mex ico, a distance of fifty miles. This is probably the first railroad inspection on foot of any distance that has been made by any state commissioners for many years. It will require two days to complete the trip.

C., St. P., M. & O.'s Annual Report.

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Chicago, Feb. 23.—Reports of the Chicago,
St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha road for
the year ended December 31. show gross
earnings to have been \$8,652,783, against
\$8,156,133 for the previous year; increase,
\$496,600: operating expenses and taxes, \$5,37,447, against \$1,805,334 for the previous
year; increase, \$600,413; interest on bonds,
\$1,411,470, against \$1,605,333 for the previous
year; increase, \$6,117; rentals, \$114,426,
against \$113,747 in the previous year; increase,
\$600,334 in the previous year; increase,
\$607,208; net profits, \$1,389,251, against \$1,499,\$59 in the previous year; decrease, \$110,608;
dividends, \$1,158,570, against \$1,158,958 in the
previous year; increase \$12; surplus \$230,281,
against \$340,901 in the previous year; decrease,
\$110,630.

U. P. Will Not Meet the Canadian Chicago, Feb. 23.—The Union Pacific road has decided not to take any part in the transcontinental passenger rate war. It issued notice to-day that after considering the matter fully, it had decided not to use the cut rates through the Missouri river gateways. This action on its part will tend to strengthen the situation materially. Other roads will now be less inclined than ever to allow the war to spread beyond the territory in which the Canadian Pacific is an active competitor. Should this action

# 25 YEARS WITH HERALD.

Mrs. E. S. Cromwell Has Utmost Faith in

# PAINE'S CELERY COMPOUND.



Twenty-five years is a long time, especially for a woman to work in the galling harness of a metropolitan newspaper. Such is the record of Mrs. Cromwell, vice president of the Women's National Press Association, in the service of the Chicago Herald. As Washington correspondent she telegraphed to her paper the daily reports of the proceedings of the famous electoral commission of 187 commission of 1877.

A quarter of a century of racing work like this has enabled Mrs. Cromwell to know what "nerves" mean. Her faith in Paine's celery compound, to restore the nervous system when it is run down and depressed by work, worry, rush or sick-ness, cannot be lightly set aside. Washington, D. C., Feb. 19, 1896.

Wells, Richardson Co.: Gentlemen:—A young lady residing in my family, who had tried various remedes for nervous debility and depleted condition of the system, found great and permanent relief from the use of Paine's celery compound. I can, therefore, recommend this excellent remedy to those in need of treatment of the same kind.

ELLEN S. CROMWELL.

Women have their health much more largely in their own hands than they are accustomed to believe. The impure blood that undermines the stomach and the nervous system can be unquestionably enriched; the number of the red corpuscles increased, and the cir-culation cleansed of humors by Paine's celery compound. Sleeplessness that causes much of the nervous prostration among women is entirely within the control of every person who will take pains to cor-rect the bad habit the brain has fallen into.

daily poisoning of the system.

Paine's celery compound, by its pronounced nourishing power, enables the nerves to get back their control over the circulation so that the blood supply be-comes greatest where it is most needed, as in the stomach after eating, and least where its presence can only do harm, as in the brain when sleep is needful.

The nerves, when they are strong and properly nourished, limit the flow of blood to the head and draw off the excess from to the head and draw off the excess from the brain, thus insuring refreshing sleep. Persons who wake up tired, drowsy and ambitionless, or cannot sleep a whole night through, are suffering from disordered nerves. Paine's celery compound calms and feeds the nerves even to their tinlest branchings, and they in their turn are en-abled to counting the blood sumply over

It thus indirectly, but none the less sure ly, relieves the dangerous pressure on the kidneys and heart, which eventually leads to their rapid deterioration and break-

down.

This great invigorator is a long step for-

prove effective in shutting the Missouri river gateways against the cut rates it will save large amounts of revenue to the American roads.

The cut rates of the Northern lines North Pacific coast points are now be The cut rates of the Northern lines to North Pacific coast points are now being practically, although not technically, used on business out of Kansas City. The rate from Kansas City to St. Paul is \$14; the rate from St. Paul to Seattle is \$20, or \$3 for the trip, as against \$40 via the direct lines. While through tickets are not being sold via St. Paul at the \$3 rate, considerable business is moving via that gateway.

# Railroad Notes.

A union depot to cost \$200,000 is to be built at Fort Worth, Tex.

J. H. Phillips, traffic manager of the Gulf, Beaumont & Kansas City, was in Kansas City yesterday.

Railway traffic in Eastern Canada is demoralized by a snow storm which has been raging for three days almost without cessation.

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The company has just published its 22nd Annual Statement, a study of which shows that the Prudential is gaining in strength and popularity every year.

Its assets have increased to \$23,984,569.72, a gain of over \$4,400,000 over 1896. Its income has increased to \$15,580,764.85, and its surplus to policyholders to \$5,240,118.36, a gain of \$1,296,001.

In Industrial insurance there was issued during 1897, \$112,300,000, and of Ordinary \$31,500,000, making a total in both branches of \$143,590,000. This brought the amount of insurance in force up to \$353,117,550, a gain of \$42,500,000 over the previous year.

Since the organization of the Company it has paid to policyholders over \$31,000,000, nearly \$5,600,000 of which was paid during 1897.

1897.
The record of the Company is one of which officers and policyholders alike may For Joplin, Pittsburg, Galena and

Webb City.

The Memphis Route (Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis R. R.) has two trains daily from Kansas City—both trains have through reclining chair cars (seats free to holders of first class tickets). Night train leaving Kansas City at 9:39 has Wagner palace sleeping car to Joplin via Pittsburg and Galena. The "Memphis" is the only line from Kansas City to all the great lead and zinc mining camps of Missouri and Kansas—Galena, Joplin, Webb City, Carterville and Aurora.

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abled to equalize the blood supply over the body, thus sparing the heart, prevent-ing congestions and rushes of blood to the head, dizziness, paralysis, pain over the heart, and those headaches that seem to come and go without any good reason, and are so inexplicable to hosts of men and

ward in the definite cure of nervous diseases and disorders that are induced by an insufficiently nourished system. It is possible to name, without hesitation, several diseases that have been repeatedly traced to such impoverishment of the blood—nervrect the bad habit the brain has fallen into.

Professor Edward E. Phelps, M. D., LL.
D., of the Dartmouth medical school, in announcing his wonderful discovery of Paine's celery compound at a meeting of the Dartmouth medical faculty, showed how closely he had studied, in all their bearings upon health, such disorders as

# J. H. HANCOCK DISAPPEARS.

Jaccard Jewelry Company Clerk Mysteriously Drops Out of James H. Hancock, a workman employed for six years by the Jaccard Jewelry Com-

pany, has been missing since February 12, and the police have been asked to find him. Hancock drew his week's wages on the night of Saturday, February 12. He failed to go home that night and has not been heard from directly since. It is believed that Hancock has no intention of deserting his wife and three children, but has gone East to look for work. Inability to meet payments on his neat little cottage at 4023 Oak street are given as the cause for his desire to leave Kansas City.

Mrs. Hancock has taken her children and gone to live with her mother at 506 Independence avenue. She stated last night that she had perfect confidence in her husband and that she looked almost daily for a message from him. Police Surgeon Longan has been Hancock's family physician for years. He stated last night that he never noticed anything queer in his actions. Hancock's 29 years old and a good workman and dresser. and the police have been asked to find him.

# man and dresser.

Births Reported. Births Reported.

Barshfield, George and Sadie; 16 Olive; February 15; girl.

Smith, Edgar and Alice; 913 East Ninth; February 17; girl.

Robert, Charles and Emma; 2760 Cherry; February 19; girl.

Sleyster, John and Lena; 2212 Holly; February 29; girl.

Morehead, M. and Florence; 2 Gray's court; February 20; girl.

Elliott, John A. and Lena; 3865 Park; February 21; boy.

McIntire, John M. and Katherine; 800 East Eleventh; February 21; boy.

# Deaths Reported.

Harris, Henry; 102 East Sixth; February
20: 30 years; pneumonia: Union.
Moon, Byron L.; city hospital; February
21: 47 years; alcoholism; Union.
Case, Mary A.; 1221 Penn; February
21; Syears; senility; Elmwood.
Hughes, Mrs. Jane; 711 West Twentythird; February
21; 75 years; inanition; Topeka, Kas.
Brookmiller, Minnie; 2023 Belleview; February
21: 2 years; pyaemia; Elmwood. Brookmiller, Minnie; 2023 Belleview; Fen-ruary 21; 9 years; pyaemia; Elmwood. Lester, Mary; city hospital; February 21; 69 years; senile debility; Union. Forshay, Amos; 1992 Garfield; February 22; 4 months; peritonitis; Union. Nelson, Melia; 1887 Terrace; February 22; 2 years; la grippe; Union. Boehn. Lawrence; 1999 East Third; February 23: 7 months; capillary bronchitis; Sts. Peter and Paul.

Building Permits. Elizabeth Hallon, to erect brick residence at 812 Euclid avenue, \$2,000.

Alsen & Lott, to make general repairs at 2719 East Eighteenth street, \$200.

M. E. Tomlinson, to make general repairs at 719-21 East Eighteenth street, \$250.

# PERSONAL.

T. J. Loftus, Columbus, O., is at the Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Irwin, Chicago, are F. W. Hawley, New York, is at the J. D. Hallinghead, Keokuk, Ia., is at the P. W. Harter, Utica, N. Y., is at the

M. D. Welch, Lincoln, Neb., is at the W. S. Burton, wife and daughter, Min-neapolis, are at the Coates. W. F. C. Galt, Indianapolis, is at the

Robert G. Allen, Indianapolis, is at the E. M. Gunn, Boston, is at the Coates, E. L. Robinson, Dallas, Tex., is at the

T. P. Cook, of St. Louis, district superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company, with G. J. Frankel, of St. Louis, J. N. Miller, of Cincinnati, and R. H. Bohle, of St. Louis, was in the city on an official visit.